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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO SOVIET STATEMENT ON STATUS
OF BERLIN WATERWAYS

REFS: A) 75 USBERLIN 2395, B) 75 USBERLIN 1955,

1. DURING CALL ON SOVIET EMBASSY REP TRENDELEV
JANUARY 8, CHAIRMAN POLAD (BRITISH) BROUGHT UP HARSH
STATEMENT ON STATUS OF WATERWAYS IN WESTERN SECTORS OF
BERLIN MADE BY SOVIET EMBASSY LIAISON OFFICER ADOMAITIS
NOVEMBER 26 (REF A). POLAD SAID HE WISHED TO SPEAK IN
FRIENDLY AND INFORMAL MANNER AND TO NOTE THAT WHILE
ALLIED AND SOVIET LEGAL POSITIONS ON SUBJECT OF CONTROL
OF WATERWAYS WERE DIFFERENT, THEY HAD AGREED IN QA
THAT LEGAL POSITIONS WERE NOT PREJUDICED. HE EXPLAINED
THAT ALLIES HAD TAKEN NECESSARY ACTION IN 1963 AND 1967
TO PROTECT THEIR LEGAL POSITION IN FACE OF GDR EFFORTS
TO LEGISLATE FOR WATERWAYS IN WESTERN SECTORS AND HAD
DONE SO AGAIN BY LETTER OF OCTOBER 30. HE NOTED THAT
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ALLIES DID NOT WISH TO HAVE POLEMICS ON MATTER AND

WERE SURPRISED BY ADOMAITIS' STATEMENT.

2. TRENDELEV SAID HE TOOK POINT BUT RESERVED RIGHT
FOR SOVIETS TO COME BACK TO SUBJECT AT LATER TIME ALSO
ON INFORMAL AND FRIENDLY BASIS.

3. COMMENT: BRITISH POLAD'S COMMENTS HOPEFULLY WILL
LAY THIS SMALL MATTER TO REST. FRENCH PREFERRED ABOVE
APPROACH TO SOMEWHAT MORE FORMAL STATEMENT ORIGINALLY
SUGGESTED REF A. GEORGE

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